GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2324
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
RADIO TELEPHONE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the radio telephone centres functioning in remote and hilly areas of the country at present and the number of telephone connections provided by each centre alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether all these radio telephone centres are functioning smoothly;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a): The number of radio telephone centres and telephones provided State-wise are given as per the annexure enclosed.

(b) & (c): Some of these radio telephone centres are not functioning smoothly due to the reasons given as under.

Performance of radio telephone systems was not very reliable;
Unreliable power supply;
Poor after sales service;
Centres were affected by cyclones and lightening;

(d): The Government has taken the following steps in this regard:

Replacement of non-operational radio telephone centres by new technology equipment;
Flying squads have been constituted for maintenance;
Frequent testing of telephone connections working from the centres;
Repair centres are being set-up in each Circle;
AMC is being entered into with suppliers;

Statement In Respect Of Parts (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.2324 for 7th August, 2000 regarding Radio Telephone Centres

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Telecom Circles	Total No.of Radio Telephone Centres	Total No.of Telephone Connections
1	Andaman & Nicobar	6	132
2	Andhra Pradesh	72	564
3	Assam	370	9,293
4	Bihar	468	6,575
5	Gujarat	551	6,138
6	Haryana	192	2,805
7	Himachal pradesh	174	564
8	Jammu & Kashmir	127	2,617
9	Karnataka	695	14,443
10	Kerala	61	479
11	Madhya Pradesh	1,699	25,602
12	Maharashtra	1,220	18,750
13	Goa	8	98
14	Arunachal Pradesh	39	596

15	Manipur	34		684
16	Meghalaya	54	1,187	
17	Mizoram	30		619
18	Nagaland	24		595
19	Tripura	20		657
20	Orissa	471		12,203
21	Punjab	Nil	Nil	
22	Rajasthan	912	16,911	
23	Tamil Nadu	7		55
24	UP(East)	1,570		27,398
25	UP(West)	258	3,143	
26	West Bengal	516		2,848
27	Sikkim	8		72
	TOTAL	9,586		155,028